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1. SITUATION AT ROME/FIUMICINO AIRPORT HAS BEEN CONFUSED, IF NOT CHAOTIC, SINCE ROME AIRPORTS AUTHORITY (SOCIETA' AEROPORTI DI ROME -- SAR) TOOK OVER MANAGEMENT OF FIUMICINO ON JULY 1, 1974. GROUND SERVICE EMPLOYEES' CONTRACT EXPIRED ON DECEMBER 31, 1974. SINCE THEN, FIUMICINO HAS BEEN WRACKED BY A SERIES OF STRIKES, OFTEN CALLED WITH LITTLE OR NO ADVANCE NOTICE. EVEN ON NON-STRIKE DAYS, QUALITY OF SERVICES LEAVES MUCH TO BE DESIRED; LOST BAGGAGE, DELAYED/ -CANCELED FLIGHTS AND MISSED CONNECTIONS ARE COMMONPLACE. SITUATION FURTHER EXACERBATED BY A DISPUTE BETWEEN GROUND SERVICES EMPLOYEES UNIONS (FULAT) AND ITALIAN PROFESSIONAL PILOTS ASSOCIATION (ANPAC) AND CONSTANT CONSTRUCTION BY SAR IN AND AROUND INTERNATIONAL TERMINAL. SO FAR THIS YEAR, ALITALIA HAS LOST ALL OR PART OF 71 DAYS' OPERATIONS DUE TO STRIKES BY GROUND SERVICES PERSONNEL, HOSTESSES/PURSERS AND PILOTS.

2. SITUATION AT ROME/FIUMICINO AIRPORT HAS NOT IMPROVED SINCE REFTEL (F) WAS SENT IN MAY, IN WHICH EMBASSY RECOMMENDED THAT OFFICIAL TRAVELERS AVOID FIUMICINO AIRPORT TO EXTENT POSSIBLE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.VOLPE

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